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SUMMARY: THE MOOD IN JAPAN ON THE EVE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT APPEARS TO BE A MIXTURE OF GENERAL EXPECTATION AND HOPE FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT, PLUS SOME DISQUIET OVER INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING TANAKA. TOKYO'S GINZA STREET IS DECORATED FOR THE VISIT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME TWO OPPOSITION PARTIES HELD A FAIRLY SIZEABLE BUT ORDERLY RALLY NEARBY TODAY, PARTLY TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO THE VISIT. THE PRESS VIEWS THE VISIT AS A SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL EVENT, BUT ONE IN WHICH IMPORTANT GLOBAL ISSUES WILL BE DISCUSSED. FOREMOST AMONG THESE IS THE OIL ISSUE BROUGHT TO THE FOREFRONT BY THE SECRETARY'S CHICAGO SPEECH. END SUMMARY.

1. THE JAPANESE MOOD ON NOVEMBER 17, EVE OF THE PRESIDENT'S

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ARRIVAL, APPEARS TO BE A MIXTURE OF EXPECTATION AND HOPE

FOR SUCCESS OF THE VISIT, PLUS SOME DISQUIET OVER THE INTERNAL POLITICAL CRISIS THAT HAS WEAKENED PRIME MINISTER TANAKA DESPITE THE POLITICAL TRUCE THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED UNTIL THE END OF THE VISIT.

2. ALL MAJOR DAILIES HAVE FRONT-PAGED STORIES ON THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, WHICH IS SEEN AS A BENCHMARK IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS AND A LONG OVERDUE EVENT WHICH WILL MAKE POSSIBLE MORE FREQUENT PRESIDENTIAL VISITS FROM NOW ON. A GENERAL THEME IS THE STRONG HOPE THAT THE VISIT WILL BE A GREAT SUCCESS AND DO CREDIT TO JAPAN.

3. THE GINZA, TOKYO'S MAIN STREET, IS DECORATED WITH WELCOME PLACARDS AND US AND JAPANESE FLAGS. HOWEVER, A FEW BLOCKS AWAY IN HIBYA PARK, JSP, JCP AND LABOR UNIONS HAVE HELD A RALLY CALLING FOR THE RESIGNATION OF THE "CORRUPT AND INFLATIONARY" TANAKA GOVERNMENT AND ALSO OPPOSING THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AS A DEVICE TO STRENGTHEN THE US-JAPANESE MILITARY ALLIANCE. AS OF 1700 HOURS, THE RALLY AND SUBSEQUENT PARADE WAS REPORTED TO BE AN ORDERLY AFFAIR, WITHOUT MUCH ENTHUSIASM DISPLAYED BY THE PARTICIPANTS WHOSE SPIRIT WAS FURTHER DAMPENED BY A COLD DRIZZLE. ABOUT 37,000 (POLICE FIGURES) TURNED OUT FOR THE RALLY, FAR BELOW THE 100,000 EXPECTED BY THE SPONSORS.

4. THE MEDIA SEE THE VISIT AS AN IMPORTANT CEREMONIAL EVENT, BUT ONE IN WHICH URGENT GLOBAL PROBLEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED. FOREMOST AMONG THESE IN TERMS OF PRESS INTEREST IS THE OIL QUESTION BROUGHT TO THE FOREFRONT BY THE SECRETARY CHICAGO SPEECH. MEDIA COMMENTATORS AS WELL AS BUSINESS LEADERS SEE NO PROBLEMS WITH THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS ON OIL CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING OF PETRODOLLARS BUT THEY FEEL UNEASY WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT OIL CONSUMING NATIONS SHOULD COME UP WITH A COMMON PROGRAM PRIOR TO TALKS WITH THE OIL PRODUCING NATIONS. THE COMMENTATORS ALSO EXPRESS DISCOMFORT OVER THE FACT THAT, BECAUSE OF THE TIMING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, JAPAN WILL BE THE FIRST OF THE MAJOR CONSUMING NATIONS TO BE CALLED ON TO RESPOND TO THE PROPOSALS BY THE UNITED STATES.

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5. THE MEDIA EXPECT OTHER ISSUES TO BE BROUGHT UP, SUCH AS THE GLOBAL FOOD PROBLEM AND THE POSSIBLE QUESTION OF US EXPORT CONTROLS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING OIL AND GAS RESOURCES IN SIBERIA. ON BILATERAL QUESTIONS, THE PRESS EXPECT SOME DISCUSSION OF THE EMPEROR'S RETURN VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL CONTINUE THEIR ATTEMPT TO

EXPLOIT THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ISSUE STEMMING FROM THE LAROCQUE  
TESTIMONY.

6. NEVERTHELESS, THE GENRAL PUBLIC MOOD, AS REFLECTED IN  
THE PRESS, IS THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT IS NOT EXPECTED  
TO PRODUCE BREAKTHROUGHS ON TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. IT IS  
MEANT TO COMMEMORATE OVER A CENTURY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THE TWO NATIONS, A RELATIONSHIP WHICH AHS BECOME VIRTUALLY  
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